

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. stand rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being as being unpatentable over Takeuchi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,321,260). Claims 1-4 are pending.

On the merits, applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims, as amended, are patentable for at least the following reasons.

Amended independent claim 1 is directed to a method of transmitting data packets over an interface between first and second heterogeneous parts, the method comprising after transmission begins, determining, in the first part or interface, the number of data packets being transmitted in a predetermined time; and reserving, in the second part, sufficient information carrying capacity, corresponding to at least one data packet in excess of the number determined.

Takeuchi, as read by the applicants, relates to a media data communication method via a network. In particular, before starting data transfer, the sender node sends the CONNECT message requesting security of hardware resources necessary for data transfer to the receiver node, see Abstract.

Applicants find nothing in Takeuchi that teaches the limitations of after transmission begins, determining, in the first part or interface, the number of data

packets being transmitted in a predetermined time; and reserving, in the second part, sufficient information carrying capacity, corresponding to at least one data packet in excess of the number determined, as specifically recited in amended claim 1.

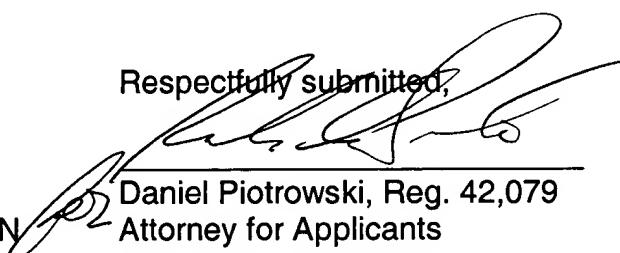
Since Takeuchi does not teach, show or suggest all of the features of amended independent claim 1 and 3, as recited above, applicant respectfully submits that these claims are patentable over these references.

Claims 2 and 4 in this application are each dependent from one or the other of independent claims discussed above and are, therefore, believed allowable and patentable for at least the same reasons.

The applicants have made a sincere attempt to advance the prosecution of this application by reducing the issues for consideration and specifically delineating the zone of patentability. The applicants submit that the claims, as they now stand, fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. and 103. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully solicited.

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